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No. 342. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 9th December 1862, No. 79:—

SIR,

1. I have received Proceedings of Government and their Order thereon, dated 21st November 1862, No. 2,457.

2. There does not appear to be any objection to the sale of lands for Coffee cultivation in the locality indicated by Mr. J. Agnew, the Chairman of the Carnatic Coffee Company, Limited, namely, in the Poonachy Hills, forming a portion of the lower Anamallay range, any locality abounding in Teak or other valuable timber which can be utilized on account of Government, should be retained as the sale of land, with a reservation as to the timber on the same, is sure eventually to lead to disputes.

3. My opinion with regard to the Poonachy Hills is, that the valuable timber on them will be found to be limited in quantity, and that it will prove expensive to work it.

4. The Assistant Conservator of Forests, Captain J. Michael, to whom a reference on the subject of the Poonachy Hills was made, writes as follows:—

"I am well acquainted with the land in the neighbourhood of Poonachy, and I am of opinion "that no Teak or other timber is ever likely to be cut or sold by Government excepting in the "immediate neighbourhood of Poonachy itself.

"The slopes of the hills, at a somewhat higher elevation, do not grow Teak, and I conceive "therefore that there could be no objection to any quantity of land being granted for Coffee culti- "vation on those slopes, all Teak producing spots around Poonachy being either reserved by "Government or granted to the Coffee Company for grazing purposes only, for which they are "admirably adapted.

"I gather from your letter that no site in particular has yet been selected, and I would not "advise the Carnatic Coffee Company to depute an Agent, on a prospecting expedition, to Poona- "chy at the present season, not only is that place a peculiarly unhealthy one by repute, but I "believe the next two months from this time to be the very worst of the whole year, at all "elevations less than 6,000 feet in the Anamallays.

"Poonachy might perhaps be visited with comparative safety when the jungles are thoroughly "dried up towards the end of February or March, but I should not consider the locality *safe* at "any time excepting during the south-west monsoon.

"If the risk should be run, the agent's best course would be to make his way to the high "ranges above Poonachy, from whence he could explore downwards, and when he has finally "selected any particular spots (duly avoiding all Teak producting forest land) I could inspect "them, and say whether any objections exist on the part of the Conservancy Deparment to the "land being granted."

No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 23rd December 1862, No. 2,676.

1. Mr. Agnew will be requested to depute some person to point out to the Collector the tract which the Coffee Company wish to have.

2. The Government have no wish to reserve the Annamallays generally, the valuable Teak forest worked by the Conservancy Department alone will be excepted. The Board will communicate with the Collector and suggest a suitable upset price for land sold on these hills. The lots applied for will be put up to auction in blocks not exceeding 500 Acres each and sold to the highest bidder above the upset price, free of assessment, as provided in the Rules dated 6th instant, No. 2,553.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,
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A. Grant
Collector

No 21 Nov: 1862 Nos 255-256.

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From
Rev Collr Kanara
No
Rec'd 15th Dec 1862
Answered 19th Dec 1862
Dated 9th Dec 1862
Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 342 of 9th inst: forwarding an application from Mr Grant Collector of Kanara for a grant of 3000 acres of Forest land in the Annamally Hills, and requesting to be favored with the opinion of this Department as to whether any objections exist on the part of the Conservancy Department to the application being granted.
In reply I am directed to state that there is no objection to the sale of Government Forest land for coffee cultivation under the Rules for the disposal of waste lands for that purpose, and that the Conservancy Department has no objection to the application of Mr Grant being granted.
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C. Pringle
Secretary to Government
To
The Collector of Kanara
No 2755 of 1862
Dated 15th Dec 1862
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Note:
The Carnatic Coffee Co have applied for 3000 Acres on the Annamally. The Collr states, that with the exception of some Teak parts which should be reserved for the Teak on them, there is no objection & a compliance with the application.
No one has yet attempted to cultivate coffee in these Hills. The land is excellent. But the locality is peculiarly bad, water is scarce & there are no roads. Under these

circumstances, land on them may be sold for the present at an upset price, free of assessment - when they are better known other terms may be imposed.

If first application of these cases be agreed will be requested to have the tract be reserved printed out - and the Collr. to value at similar price - The land will then be put up & auctions in 500 Acre blocks, under

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Orders requested

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& Mrs. Platts

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